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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total		North America		South America	Europe		Asia	Africa	Australia and Oceania
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers		All carriers	U.S. flag carriers			
Total, all carriers...	114,159	(X)	24,059	11,126	54,122	18,695	2,977	2,704	870,506	(X)
U.S. flag carriers...	40,106	(X)	3,449	1,718	7,440	862	736	312,212	46,794	(X)
Boston, Mass.	3,295	1,546	7,669	3	2,407	26	42	49	33,420	13,098
Bridgeport, Conn.	75	73	-	-	75	-	-	-	325	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	882	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	680	672	8	-	9	-	-	-	4,836	-
New York City, N.Y.	48,547	15,509	3,348	2,838	6,226	213	1,365	4,818	17,464	20,294
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,194	740	129	331	570	93	2	68	8,393	4,051
Baltimore, Md.	98	43	75	-	20	2	-	1	492	477
Washington, D.C.	23	23	7	(Z)	5	11	-	-	145	1
Charleston, S.C.	23	23	7	(Z)	5	11	-	-	145	1
Savannah, Ga.	249	182	78	5	138	28	-	(Z)	3,986	249
Tampa, Fla.	96	34	95	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	235	18
Mobile, Ala.	34	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	357	357
New Orleans, La.	594	292	350	171	-	-	-	73	1,363	726
Laredo, Tex.	165	102	163	2	-	(Z)	-	-	469	271
El Paso, Tex.	152	152	152	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,151	1,114
Noakes, Ariz.	52	34	26	-	-	-	-	-	592	540
Los Angeles, Calif.	7,796	2,492	646	219	2,441	3,705	661	124	83,040	23,984
San Francisco, Calif.	4,485	2,238	229	71	476	2,921	774	14	69,413	26,378
Portland, Ore.	83	43	26	3	53	-	-	-	232	142
Seattle, Wash.	837	647	243	3	266	359	4	8	10,181	6,240
Anchorage, Alaska	89	4	(Z)	-	5	84	(Z)	-	479	142
Honolulu, Hawaii	639	427	2	-	-	316	321	-	4,946	4,041
Great Falls, Mont.	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	433	433
Portland, Me.	170	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Minneapolis, Minn.	345	170	87	-	10	198	(Z)	51	10,508	828
Paterson, N.J.	2,366	1,821	493	23	1,729	46	18	87	13,414	11,412
Chicago, Ill.	11,193	5,985	2,887	12	6,311	1,649	14	318	75,626	20,197
Cleveland, Ohio	547	144	325	78	128	15	(Z)	1	2,759	574
St. Louis, Mo.	117	117	7	-	110	(Z)	-	1	1,931	49
San Juan, P.R.	422	256	389	28	4	-	-	(Z)	2,143	898
Miami, Fla.	13,233	5,308	6,821	6,131	267	11	1	3	45,286	16,819
Houston, Tex.	1,944	698	770	108	599	325	3	139	10,448	4,343
Washington, D.C.	280	121	5	59	171	42	(Z)	2	3,318	694
All other districts	18	15	12	-	1	5	-	-	163	133
Shipments under \$251...	13,662	(NA)	5,205	1,043	4,509	624	375	(D)	30,029	(NA)
Special Category	776	510	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,758	9,206

- Represents zero.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified (red by continent))

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)										
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.....	83,282	(X)	8,210	8,976	43,175	21,924	614	271	562,545	(X)	40,445	27,878	318,028	164,837	3,605	7,616
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	36,057	3,822	3,518	16,827	11,517	330	45	265,600	16,377	15,047	141,205	88,853	1,721	2,200	
Boston, Mass.....	3,163	1,034	74	200	2,767	122	(Z)	(Z)	23,573	7,326	1,347	546	20,206	1,455	10	8
Bridgeport, Conn.....	10	10	10	10	10	10	(Z)	(Z)	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Buffalo, N.Y.....	429	406	391	36	36	5,954	83	177	266,471	109,709	6,724	18,170	197,594	37,882	622	5,480
New York City, N.Y.....	39,560	16,516	1,171	3,912	28,265	5,954	83	177	266,471	109,709	6,724	18,170	197,594	37,882	622	5,480
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,248	798	34	136	912	163	(Z)	3	10,685	6,131	374	668	8,515	781	11	335
Baltimore, Md.....	246	104	3	226	17	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,034	595	57	(Z)	907	70	11	335
Washington, D.C.....	275	269	(Z)	274	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,737	1,709	(Z)	(Z)	1,725	11	11	335
Charleston, S.C.....	84	80	1	50	33	33	(Z)	(Z)	8,825	8,811	1	(Z)	8,814	11	(Z)	(Z)
Savannah, Ga.....	44	43	8	1	35	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,195	1,170	157	2	1,036	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Tampa, Fla.....	57	34	25	4	28	28	(Z)	(Z)	259	189	85	(Z)	23	150	(Z)	(Z)
Mobile, Ala.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
New Orleans, La.....	509	140	286	3	220	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	505	162	238	23	244	(Z)	2	(Z)
Laredo, Tex.....	121	69	117	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	3	(Z)	283	82	355	1	21	86	(Z)	(Z)
El Paso, Tex.....	50	44	26	1	7	16	(Z)	(Z)	1,120	987	217	(Z)	16	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Nogales, Ariz.....	7	16	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	219	207	217	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Los Angeles, Calif.....	6,698	2,266	383	82	1,154	4,913	156	8	67,927	29,553	4,058	428	24,032	38,325	906	178
San Francisco, Calif.....	6,877	4,793	86	8	394	6,265	122	2	71,860	47,489	1,838	118	3,803	64,591	1,487	24
Portland, Ore.....	8	6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	11,939	9,405	2,678	2	2,004	7,240	15	1
Seattle, Wash.....	1,715	1,510	111	(Z)	240	1,363	1	(Z)	11,939	9,405	2,678	2	2,004	7,240	15	1
Anchorage, Alaska.....	53	4	2	14	37	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	340	35	14	(Z)	260	66	1	(Z)
Juneau, Alaska.....	414	231	47	9	29	206	133	(Z)	3,547	1,021	33	(Z)	1,960	392	(Z)	(Z)
Great Falls, Mont.....	15	15	15	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	150	187	187	(Z)	2	1	(Z)	(Z)
Pennington, N. Dak.....	160	147	14	(Z)	18	128	(Z)	(Z)	1,204	1,005	171	4	376	653	(Z)	(Z)
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,036	795	177	(Z)	822	36	(Z)	(Z)	4,388	3,164	746	1	3,547	93	(Z)	(Z)
Detroit, Mich.....	4,812	2,156	491	1	3,358	938	3	20	36,314	13,055	7,311	82	24,574	3,974	28	345
Cleveland, Ohio.....	133	116	58	1	61	14	(Z)	(Z)	768	107	308	4	355	101	(Z)	(Z)
St. Louis, Mo.....	115	115	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	556	556	1	(Z)	553	2	(Z)	(Z)
San Juan, P.R.....	1,621	925	919	526	157	17	(Z)	1	4,344	1,247	1,439	569	1,131	1,200	(Z)	(Z)
Miami, Fla.....	6,970	2,982	2,751	3,698	423	72	22	4	15,590	7,071	6,208	6,560	2,435	351	1	35
Houston, Tex.....	407	228	178	64	121	42	(Z)	1	5,893	734	397	279	1,336	3,864	1	18
Washington, D.C.....	709	644	36	(Z)	628	45	(Z)	(Z)	10,222	8,844	54	(Z)	9,261	87	(Z)	819
All other districts.....	93	62	49	18	3	1	(Z)	(Z)	556	393	107	(Z)	111	12	109	398
All imports under \$251.....	5,623	(NA)	723	342	2,813	1,311	90	31	6,835	(NA)	881	417	3,430	1,842	109	38

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

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